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SUBJECT: LIBERALS VOTE TO CONTINUE PACT WITH GOVERNMENT

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(B) LONDON 11909 (NOTAL)

1. LIBERAL PARLIAMENTARIANS MET JULY 26 TO CONSIDER
RENEWAL OF THEIR PACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND VOTED BY
11 TO 2 TO EXTEND IT, BELYING MEDIA REPORTS OF GROWING
OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION OF THE PACT AMONG LIBERAL MPS.
FORMER LEADER JO GRIMOND AND CYRIL SMITH CAST THE DIS-
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SENTING VOTES. THE LIBERAL VOTE. HOWEVER. WAS ONLY ON
THE PRINCIPLE OF RENEWAL AND DID NOT REPRESENT APPROVAL
OF A NEW PACT.

2. LIBERAL LEADER STEEL HAS APPARENTLY BEGUN INTENSIVE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE A
DEAL BEFORE PARLIAMENT RISES ON JULY 29. STEEL BELIEVES

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER PARTY CONFERENCE. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH A FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS, INCLUDING THE DURATION OF THE NEW ACCORD (SEVERAL LIBERAL MPS, WHILE SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLE OF RENEWAL, ARE UNWILLING TO COMMIT THE PARTY TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE ENTIRE 1977-78 SESSION), BY THE END OF THE WEEK. STEEL AND ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN JOHN PARDOE ARE EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO WORK OUT THE FINAL TERMS DURING THE RECESS.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT EXTENSION OF THE PACT IS A VIRTUAL CERTAINTY, THOUGH ITS DURATION IS STILL IN DOUBT. OUR GUESS IS THAT IT WILL BE RENEWED THROUGH NEXT SPRING, WITH AN OPTION FOR FURTHER RENEWAL. WITH LIBERAL SUPPORT APPARENTLY ASSURED AND THE OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES EITHER BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT OR NEUTRALIZED (REFS A AND B), TORY HOPES OF UNSEATING THE GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN DRASTICALLY DIMINISHED.

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